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ARCHITECTS ARE AIR MINDED

Guests of Perry Fellows at Detroit City Airport.

Wednesday evening, September 21, members of the M.S.A. and Detroit Chapter A.I.A. met jointly for the first monthly meeting of the fall season.

The scene was Detroit City Airport where, after being fascinated by the coming and going of transcontinental planes, the party was further treated to a view of Art Hyde's work on the T.A.C. offices.

Most every one was there, even Gus O'Dell, who with being president, Judge and what not has to break some of his appointments. However the opinion seems to prevail that what we need in the profession are a few more judges scattered around.

When noses were counted at dinner there were in evidence such notables as Messrs. Stratton, Hyde, Ditchy, Gamber, Early, Fellows, O'Dell, Mildner, Eisen, Palmer, Hughes, Trysell, Pettibone, Cordner, Wright, Eurich, Sorensen and Wasson.

Architects' Luncheon
32nd Floor, Union Guardian Building
Private Dining Room,
South West Corner
Tuesday, September 27th, 12:30 p. m.

It seemed to be an occasion of reminiscing as O'Dell and Palmer were discussing their war experiences, while Pettibone and Trysell lived over school days at Central High, when Ernie dropped his bass fiddle down the stairs. We learned that there was an architect in Detroit at that time for whom our contemporary worked. Mr. Gregory had 40 or 50 houses going at once, which led one to believe there was a lot of money to be made in architecture. Draw your own conclusions, but Frank Wright seems to thoroughly enjoy life, even in its present state.

At a brief business session of the Chapter a report of the nominating committee composed of Wirt C. Rowland (chairman), Frank Eurich, Jr. and Frank H. Wright was heard as follows:

For President — Branson V. Gamber
Vice President — C. William Palmer
Secretary — Arthur K. Hyde
Treasurer — Aloys Frank Herman
For Director — G. Frank Cordner
For Director — Frank H. Wright.

In submitting the names of the four officers for re-election the nominating committee said, "We have in mind not only the efficiency with which these men have conducted the administration of their duties during the past two successive years but also the advisability of continuing them in office another year during the present critical period, because of their intimate acquaintance with all of the problems now involved.

"The spirit of complete accord by which the nominating committee arrived at the foregoing recommendations we are sure will be reflected generally in the Chapter."

President Gamber called attention to the by-laws which in Article Six provide that:

"At any time after the September meeting and not less than five days before the annual meeting, separate lists of nominations may be submitted to the secretary of the Chapter by any four or more members of the Chapter whose signatures must be appended to such lists. Such lists must be complete for each and every office including those in which they may not differ from the list submitted by the Nominating Committee."

The election of officers will be held at the annual meeting in October; the exact date and place to be announced later.

In coming to the feautre of the evening president Gamber stated that we were privileged to hear one

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AROUND THE TABLE

Things worth repeating, from the weekly luncheon.

The thrill of meeting Phil McDonnell twice in one day, when you havn't seen him for six months, not forgetting Ernie Trysell and Bart Wood. The latter, now with Allied Products Corporation, has made some interesting observations concerning the future of architecture.

Lance Sukert receives many congratulations for his appreciation of the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington by Paul P. Cret, architect; Alexander B. Trowbridge, consulting architect. His article appeared in the September American Architect, as did G. Frank Cordner's story of the Detroit Building Congress' Demonstration House in Grand Circus Park.

And are architects getting up in the world? Cordner has been named on Mayor Murphy's Project Planning Board, along with such others as Major Hallihan, William F. Austin, J. Lee Baker, Alvin Macauley, Jr., Ben R. Marsh, Harrington Place and William F. Zabriskie. The purpose of the board is to speed action toward Detroit receiving building funds from the R. F. C. Well, Frank, you can start right here.

A walk with Gus Balle, and a glimpse at his interesting job, the complete remodeling of the upper floor of Tuttle and Clark's. We suggested an architects' party to warm it up but don't know how it will take.

Max Grylls says the Grand Rapids controversy has to date resulted in a draw meaning that we are willing to hear more evidence. And Andy Morison leaves early "to keep an appointment with a client." Could he be kidding us?

House Beautiful's 6th Annual Small-House Competition closes on Oct. 17. There are two general classifications for recently completed houses, one for those east of the Mississippi and one for those west. These are for houses from six to twelve rooms. In addition this year there is a special prize for the best house of from five to seven rooms, built either east or west, and costing not over $10,000. Address House Beautiful Publishing Corporation, 8 Arlington St., Boston.

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who was an authority on the Port of Detroit question, which is of vital interest at this time.

Mr. Fellows thanked the architects for coming out to what he referred to as "your own development." He then sketched the proposed port development in a most interesting way and explained what it would mean to Detroit. He touched upon the method of determining freight rates and the comparative costs of shipping by rail and water.

Mr. Fellows has no pet scheme, and in his talk he merely covered what has been done to date and pointed out the possibilities in the future. "When you consider that Michigan ranks third among export states," he said, "you begin to realize our possibilities for port development."

The proposal to have the Board of County Supervisors put the question on the ballot for the November election has met with some opposition, most of which is based on economic reasons.

Mr. Hyde pointed out the fact that the proposal does not contemplate expenditures now but rather the appointment of a port commission to work without compensation. If such a competent body were set to work it should not take long to discover if there is a real need. Their findings should be a safeguard against needless expenditures.

The sense of the joint meeting was that the architects are thoroughly in accord with the movement and should lend every support possible. Mr. C William Palmer, chairman of the Chapter's Waterfront Development Committee will also represent the architects on the port development.

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WILLIAM C. WESTON

In the sudden death of William C. Weston on Monday, September 19, the architectureal profession in Michigan mourns the loss of a well-loved member and one devoted to his profession. His passing removes from our midst one who for many years has been a part of our lives just as his splendid buildings have become an important part of our city.

He was in every way a credit to our city and to his profession. He attained noble heights because of his inate ability, and devotion to his calling.

Major, as he was known to his many friends, came to Detroit from Birmingham, Alabama, some 20 years ago. In the South he was for years one of the leading architects and was responsible for many of Birmingham's largest and finest buildings.

He was born in Wellington, New Zealand, April 28, 1866. Besides his widow, Mrs. Louise Gertrude Weston, he leaves a daughter, Louise Anita.

As senior member of the firm of Weston & Ellington, Architects and Engineers, he was architect for such work as the Wardell Apartments, Metropolitan Building, Bertha Fisher Home for the Aged, Bertha Fisher Nurses Home for Providence Hospital, the Sarah Fisher Orphanage, addition to Marine Hospital at Detroit and many others. He was a director in the Detroit Chapter of The American Institute of Architects and a member of The Michigan Society of Architects.

Crocker First National Bank and its subsidiary, Crocker Federal Trust Co, of San Francisco, in a series of newspaper advertising featuring "The People of a great City recently devoted one issue to San Francisco's Architects. The copy is excellent and the architects are paid a splendid tribute.

The Fourteenth Annual Convention of the Associated General Contractors of America has been tentatively set for the week of January 16, 1933, at Detroit, Mich., in conjunction with the Construction Congress to be sponsored here at that time by The Construction League of the United States.

Each of the participating national construction associations will hold their individual conventions during the first part of the week and the latter part will be devoted to joint meetings of all representative construction interests.

It is expected that a meeting of the secretaries of the various participating associations will be held at Detroit the latter part of this month at which final arrangements of headquarters for the various associations will be completed and formal announcement of the Congress made.

Louis E. Stevens, formerly of the College of Architecture, U. of M. '33, will enter Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin Fellowship School on its opening about October 20. Mr. Stevens' writings have become well known through The Michigan Technic and other campus publications and some have been reprinted in our Bulletin.

The noise of the riveters working on the new post office reaches our editorial ears after a lengthy silence due to a labor squabble of some sort. Oh well, our ears are well able to stand it. It's one racket that has the full support of all public minded citizens.

P. S.—They're off again since we wrote this!

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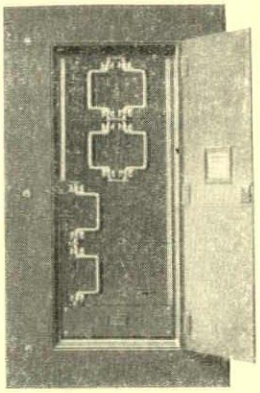

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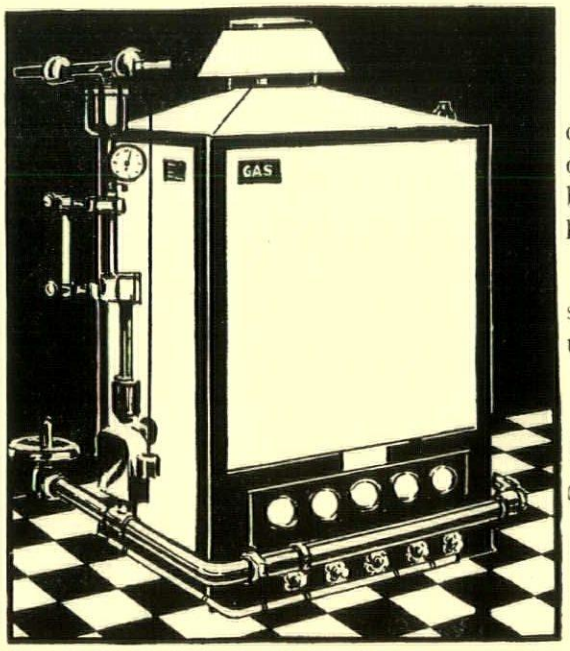

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